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**REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION
(RCE)**

Application Number	09/975,256
Filing Date	October 12, 2001
First Named Inventor	Krishnaswamy RAMKUMAR
Group Art Unit	2813
Examiner Name	David L. Hogans
Attorney Docket Number	8229-014-27

This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on _____. (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief filed on _____.
 - iii. Other: _____.
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

2. Miscellaneous

Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c)

- a. for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) required).
- b. Other Petition for Extension of Time (3rd month).

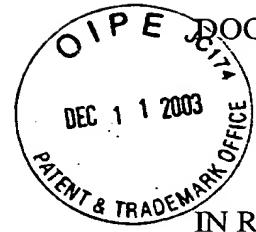
3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1442.
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e). 12/12/2003 MGBREM1 00000096 09975256
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17). 01 FC:1801 770.00 OP
 - iii. Other Cited Documents (5).
- b. Check in the amount of \$1,610.00 enclosed.

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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Responsive to the outstanding Office Action dated June 11, 2003, entry of the following amendments is respectfully requested.

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